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Interrogation of Osami NAGANO  
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Q Admiral, who was the originator of the plan to attack Pearl Harbor?

A After being studied by the Combined Fleets the plan was brought forth in the spring of 1941 by Admiral YAMAMOTO. It was a great secret in the Combined Fleets whereby Admiral YAMAMOTO and only one or two other officers knew of it.

Q When was the plan as prepared by Admiral YAMAMOTO first called to your attention, Admiral?

A I first found out about this plan officially in October 1941. I heard prior to that that such a plan was being studied.

Q Admiral, when did you become Chief of the Naval General Staff?

A In April 1941.

Q And is it not a fact that this plan of Admiral YAMAMOTO's was called to your attention at that time?

A No, it was not. I believe it was at that time that YAMAMOTO first thought of the plan.

Q Now, Admiral, you stated that the first time the plan had been called to your attention officially was in October 1941. When was the plan called to your attention unofficially?

A About July I heard that they were training or practicing such a plan.

Q And is it not a fact, Admiral, and again I ask you not to answer me too literally but to answer my questions from your knowledge even though you were not personally present and from your knowledge as Naval Chief of Staff as to what was going on in connection with Naval activities in the light of the fact that you were Chief

of Staff and as such had general knowledge of Naval Naval activities. Is it not a fact that the Japanese Navy started practicing to place into execution the YAMAMOTO plan to attack Pearl Harbor in the spring of 1941?

A The plan came into being in the spring but it was not practiced until summer.

Q And what do you mean by summer?

A I am not sure but I believe it was about the beginning of July. The Combined Fleets went into Kagoshima and there they practiced coming in low over the mountains and dive bombing.

Q And is it not a fact also, Admiral, that in addition to those maneuvers, that the fleet also practiced with a specially designed torpedo for use in shallow water such as was known to be the situation in Pearl Harbor?

A The torpedo was completed during those maneuvers. The Combined Fleets spent a lot of time trying out this torpedo and experimenting with it.

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第七、八九頁

(問) 大將閣下、真珠灣、攻襲、計畫者、誰デシタカ。

(答) 聯合艦隊デ研究セタ後、此、計畫、山本大將ニ依リ  
一九四一年(昭和十六年)、春發表セシマシタ。

此、計畫、聯合艦隊デハ極秘ニサシテ居リマシタカ。  
山本大將ト他、二名、將校タケガ知ツテ居ルタデ  
シタ。

(問) 山本大將、準備シタ此、計畫ガ取初ニ貴方ノ耳ニ  
入ッタハ何時デシタカ。

(答) 一九四一年(昭和十六年)十月ニ初メ子公式ニ此、計畫  
ニ就テ承知シマシタ。此、様ナ計畫ガ研究セシテ居  
ト云フ事ハ、其、前カラ聞イテ平マシタ。

(問) 大將閣下、貴方ハ何時軍令部長ニサシマシタ。

(答) 一九四一年(昭和十六年)四月デス。

(問) 所デ、其、時山本大將、此、計畫ガ貴方ノ耳ニ  
タトイフ訳デハナイデスカ。

(答) イ、ヤ、サウデハアリマセン。山本ガ取初ニ此、計畫ヲ  
思ヒツイタノガ、其、頃デアツタト思ツテ居リマス。

(問) サテ、大將閣下、貴方ハ此、計畫ガ初  
ニ入ッタハ、一九四一年(昭和十六年)十月デアツ  
言ヒマシタネ。此、計畫ガ非公式ニ貴方ノ  
意ニ入ッタハ何時デシタカ。

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(答) 七月頃、私ハ斯カル計畫ノ訓練ヲコトナルトカ演習ガ行ハテ居ルトカ云フ事ヲ聞キマシタ。

(問) 實際ハソノ一(大將)閣下、更メテ御願ヒシマスガ、餘リ厳密ニデタク、假令貴方ガ自ラ出席ニナリトモ、貴方ガ軍令部長ニアルトイフ事實ニ鑑ミテ、海軍ノ活動ニ関聯シテドシテ事ガ行ハレテナラカト云フ事ニ関スル軍令部長トシテ、知識カス、又海軍ノ行動ノ一般知識ヲ有スルモノトシテ答ヘテ頂キタイノガ、日本海軍ハ真珠湾攻撃ノ山本安武実行ノタメ一九四一年(昭和十六年)、春ニ、演習ヲ始メテナタ、デハナクデスカ。

(答) 此ノ計畫ハ春ニ出来マシタ。然レ夏迄演習ニトリカ、リマセンデシタ。

(問) 夏ト云フト何時デスカ。

(答) 確カデハアリマセンガ、七月、初メ頃デアウタト思ヒマス。聯合艦隊ガ鹿児島ニ行キ、其處デ山越ニ低空デ入ルコトヤ急降下爆撃ヲスル演習ヲコシタ。

(問) ソシカラ(大將)閣下、此ノ様ナ演習、外ニ、艦隊ハ又真珠湾ニアリヤウナ浅瀬デ用ヒル特殊ノ設計ニナル水雷ノ演習モ行ツタトイフ事實モアルデセウ。

(答) 其ノ様ナ水雷ハコノ演習中ニ完成シマシタ。

聯合艦隊ハ其ノ水雷、精製セト又其ノ試験トニ多大ノ時間ヲ費シマシタ。

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ニ付、夫々英語ヨリ日本語ニ、日本語ヨリ英語ニ、眞實ニ  
翻譯ヲ爲シタルコト並ニ右質問及應答ニ付テ、別書  
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度ニ於テ眞實ニシテ且ツ正確ナルコトヲ陳述ス。

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本職「ワシタニ・シ・ハツク」ハ一九四六年、昭和二十一年、  
三月二十五日、永野修身が本職面前ニ出頭ヲ爲シ且ツ  
通譯者「エリウ・フライヤー」陸軍少尉ニ依リテ前記  
應答ヲ右ニ記載セル各箇ノ真実ニ對シテ爲シタル  
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